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Anna Hyatt Huntington
New Salem, Illinois

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YOUNG LINCOLN ON HORSEBACK

NEW SALEM STATE PARK — SCULPTOR—ANNA HYATT HUNTINGTON

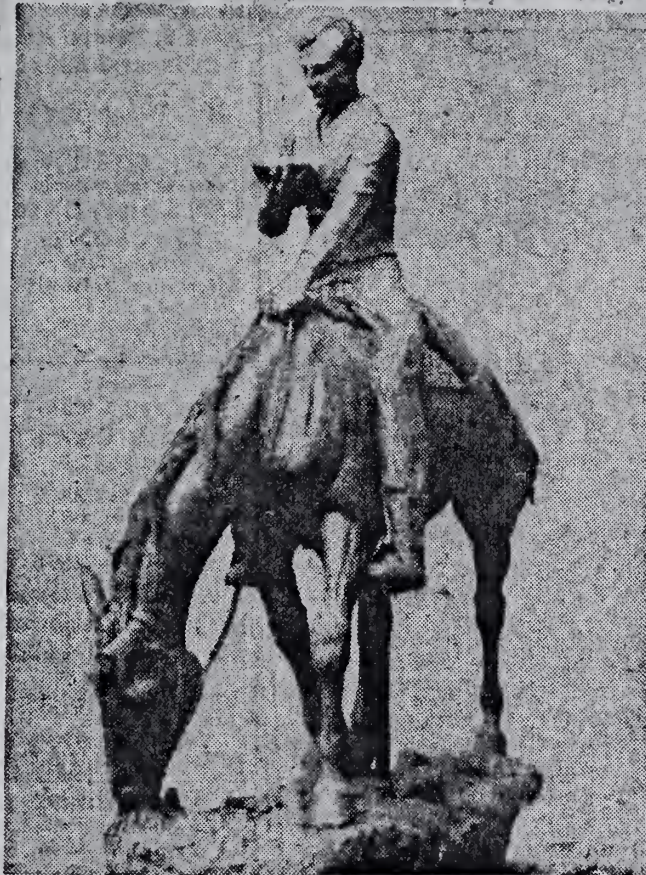


NEW STATUE FOR NEW SALEM

A new fourteen-foot bronze statue of a young Abraham Lincoln astride a horse and reading a law book will be placed at the entrance to New Salem State Park next spring.

Titled "On the Circuit," the statue is the work of Mrs. Anna Hyatt Huntington of Bethel, Connecticut, who has been called the "greatest living American sculptress." It was presented to the state of Illinois by the National Arts Foundation, a private non-profit educational organization. Governor Otto Kerner received the statute for the state from Dr. Carleton Smith, a native of Bement, Illinois, and president of the foundation.

Other statues for which Mrs. Huntington is famous are "Joan of Arc," at Blois, France; "Don Quixote," in New York City; and "El Cid," at Seville, Spain.



NEW STATUE FOR NEW SALEM

A life-sized bronze statue of a young Abraham Lincoln on horseback has been accepted by the State of Illinois for New Salem State Park. Work is the creation of Mrs. Anna H. Huntington, 87, of Bethel, Conn. Unveiling is planned for April 14, 1964, in memory of the centennial of Lincoln's death.

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State to Receive Lincoln Photographs

N.Y. Fair Exhibit to Be Moved to Springfield

BY JOSEPH EGELHOF
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

New York, Aug. 7—After the New York World's fair ends, the first collection of all known photographs of Abraham Lincoln, plus other major exhibits of the Illinois pavilion, will go to the Illinois State Historical library in Springfield.

The library soon will move from the Old Centennial building to a new home in the restored Illinois Capitol building where Lincoln made his "house divided" speech.

Plans just approved by Illinois authorities, it was learned, call for getting back practically everything at the world's fair pavilion except the \$700,000 building itself and its star attraction, the talking Lincoln robot. The building will be torn down, and the robot is owned by Walt Disney.

Closing Date Set

The fair is scheduled to close Oct. 17 after two, six-month seasons.

By then, nearly 5 million persons will have visited the pavilion, rated among the 10 top showplaces of the fair.

The 119 Lincoln photos—copied from originals in public and private collections—have been hanging uncovered and unguarded in a hall of the pavilion. Most of the visitors have stood within 2 feet of them. Not one picture has been marked or mutilated.

The Illinois library also will get 20 remarkable display cases, used to exhibit the 43 rare Lincoln letters owned by



(AP Photo)

Lincoln statue at fair.

Illinois, and a case atop a white marble stand where the Illinois-owned original of the Gettysburg address has been shown.

Manuscripts Under Guard

The cases and stand were among articles paid for with a \$50,000 grant from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. The manuscripts, worth at least one million dollars, have been under 24-hour guard by Illinois state troopers here. The display devices will enable the library to display them in magnificent style, pavilion officials say.

A beautiful, 17-place circular table banded in Illinois walnut and covered with black Aberdeen Angus hide stands in the pavilion's reading room. It will be used by the library, possibly for a similar Lincoln Reading room, along with the pavilion's books and felt-lined bookcases.

Yet another exhibit headed for the library is a collection of

plaques with pictures and captions honoring 18 great Illinoisans of the past, including Joseph Medill, Blackhawk, Jane Addams, and Cyrus McCormick. The late Adlai E. Stevenson will be added to the roster in a ceremony Aug. 26.

The Illinois State park at New Salem, will get a 14-foot tall bronze statue of young Lincoln riding a horse and reading a book. The bronze, weighing 6,000 pounds, will be moved by trailer truck and placed at the entrance to the reconstructed log cabin village.

Cabin Cost \$26,000

New Salem also will inherit the antique furniture in the pavilion's log cabin. The cabin, thru no fault of the Illinois fair staff, cost \$26,000 to build. Scores of high-paid New York City building tradesmen worked several weeks to erect the unfamiliar two-room structure, which is to be torn down.

The pavilion's replica of the Gutzon Borglum bust of Lincoln will be mounted in the State of Illinois building at 160 N. La Salle st., Chicago. The original is at the Lincoln tomb in Springfield. The only other replica is in the National Capitol Rotunda in Washington.

Office furniture and equipment at the pavilion will be shipped back to various Illinois state agencies needing it.

Cost Is Cheap

Plans have not been completed for demolition of the pavilion building. Several companies are bidding for hardware and other salvageable parts of the hundreds of millions of dollars in fair buildings to be razed because they were not designed for permanent use.

The \$700,000 cost of the Illinois building, designed by

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, is practically nothing compared with that of the other pavilions. One big corporation reportedly spent at least 50 million dollars, and three others 30 million dollars or more on fair showplaces.

There was some thought of salvaging bricks, made in Danville, Ill., but engineers reported that cleaning them for reuse would cost one-third more than new bricks.

The famous robot of Lincoln reading parts of the Emancipation's and the Lincoln theater equipment speeches will be shipped back to the Walt Disney laboratories in California. The robot will be used in research on automated figures.

Disney, a native Chicagoan, recently set up a Lincoln theater in Disneyland, Anaheim, Cal., containing a twin to the Illinois pavilion's Old Abe. He gave Illinois space for a tourist booth at the theater entrance.



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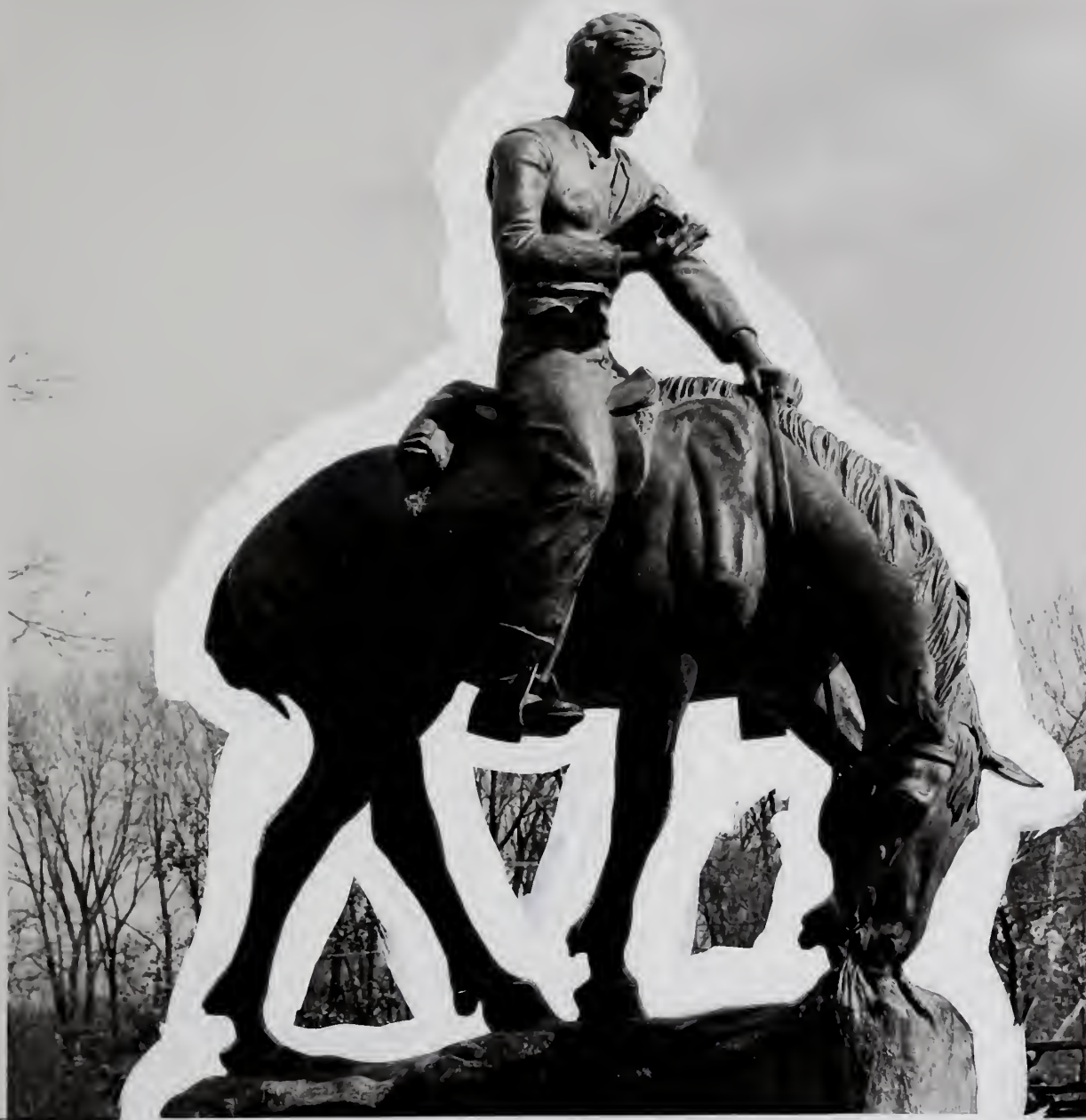


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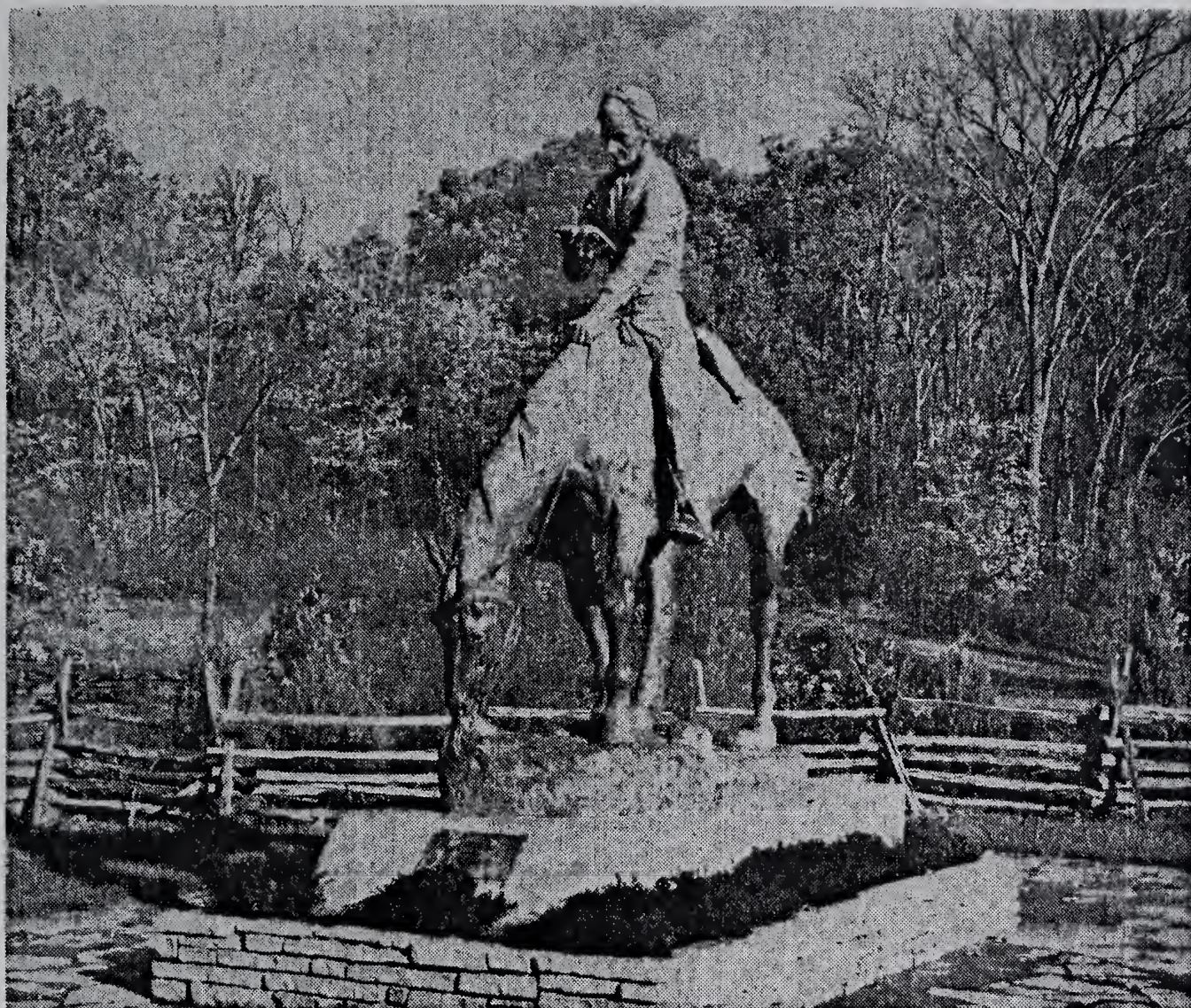






CIRCUIT-RIDER ABE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

This statue of Abraham Lincoln, shown as a young circuit-riding attorney, was prematurely unveiled at New Salem State Park by a group of boys. The statue, the work of Mrs. Anna Hyatt Huntington, was to be dedicated next year as part of the Illinois' sesquicentennial. It previously was shown at the Illinois pavilion at the New York World's Fair. (UPI)



Dedicate Lincoln Statue

"On the Circuit," a statue depicting circuit-riding life of Abraham Lincoln while an Illinois attorney, was dedicated yesterday in New Salem state park as part of four-day caravan tour of Lincoln's old Eighth judicial circuit sponsored by Illinois Bar association.

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